

**MISSOURI SUICIDE PREVENTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (SPAC)
CONFERENCE CALL MINUTES
March 18, 2008**

Members Present: Lesley Levin, Ginny Weil, Shelia Osborn, Scott Perkins, Laurie Hines, Mariann Atwell, Elizabeth Makulec, John Robbins, Susan Calloway, Mark Stringer

Members Absent: Stan Edlavitch, Bill Heberle, Heather Fabian, Deb Cook, Donna Scott, Ed Riedel, Maureen Hennessey, Sen. Charlie Shields, Representative Connie L. Johnson

Staff: Sara Robbins, Joellyn Becker, Dottie Mullikin, Holly Barnhart

TOPIC/ISSUE	DISCUSSION	ACTION/PENDING Responsible Due Date
CALL TO ORDER	Dottie Mullikin, SPAC Chairperson, called the meeting to order and introductions were made. Minutes from the January meeting were reviewed and approved. Dottie Mullikin introduced Laurie Hines who is replacing Aurita Prince-Caldwell.	
PUBLIC AWARENESS SUB-COMMITTEE	There have not been any sub-committee meetings since the last SPAC meeting. The subcommittee requested additional information regarding the new Compulsive Gambling legislation and would like to know if there are any organized groups opposed to this. Nora Bock, from the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse, previously provided information regarding compulsive gambling and its relationship to suicide. A subcommittee member stated they would like to continue to monitor this legislation.	
BI-ANNUAL REPORT	The Bi-Annual Report has not been updated.	Dottie Mullikin requested input from other committee members regarding the bi-annual report.

LETHAL MEANS	Discussion was held regarding Lethal Means and the differences between it and the Surgeon General's Call to Action.	
GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SUBCOMMITTEE	The subcommittee discussed SPAC partnering with Transformation. Additionally, the group is interested in developing a pilot program that targets elderly individuals.	
DISPLAYS AT THE CAPITOL ROTUNDA	While display space was available during the Suicide Prevention Month, at the Capital, the area did not meet the committee's intent. The subcommittees will develop some ideas for future displays.	
SAVE THE DATE	Dottie Mullikin reminded the group about the "Save the Date" flyers and the deadlines associated with this.	
NEW BUSINESS	<p>Dottie Mullikin informed the group that DMH will be reapplying for the Suicide Prevention Grant. Additionally, she requested the group draft a letter of support.</p> <p>Behavioral Health Response received a request from a local school for faculty mental health background training. This particular school recently received a generous donation from a donor to conduct this training.</p> <p>Missouri Institute of Mental Health had recently been contacted by Carthage Schools requesting information on suicide prevention. They had seven deaths this year which included a group of children killed in a car accident caused by inhalant uses. She also stated that 20% of youth in the Missouri survey expressed suicide ideation.</p> <p>Dottie communicated with the Hospital Group about providing mental health training for physicians. The Joint Commission includes questions about suicide in their report.</p>	

	<p>Guyla Gardner with the Division of Alcohol and Drug Abuse will begin chairing this committee. She was unable to join this conference call.</p> <p>Mark Stringer praised Dottie Mullikin for all her efforts put forth in chairing this committee. Dottie stated that she really enjoyed working with the group.</p> <p>Lesley expressed her concerns about the next scheduled meeting on April 21st. She was upset because the meeting was during Passover and she wouldn't be able to attend. Mark Stringer apologized for not giving the group a couple of dates to choose from for the April meeting. The April meeting has been canceled.</p> <p>The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am.</p>	
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